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Today's Topics:

Two No-Code Cents

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Subject: Two No-Code Cents  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

mark@ERA.COM (Mark Feit) writes:

> This afternoon when I left work, I got in the car to find WA4D ranting  
> and raving about no-coders on the 146.91 repeater. (In case you've  
> never heard 'The Dog' above 30 MHz, he makes no bones about the fact  
> that he won't talk to no-coders. Usually, he'll hop on a  
> wide-coverage repeater, break up a QSO if there's someone he thinks is  
> a no-coder involved and proceeds to convene a 'General/Advanced/Extra  
> Net' for the sole purpose of prodding no-coders. Unfortunately, he  
> gets plenty of cannon fodder, since the only people that 'check in'  
> are no-coders wanting to defend themselves.) During the brouhaha that  
> ensued, a local no-coder made an interesting point:

Sounds like a really charming guy. These are the kind of people you rank  
right up there with the other general idiots and the jammers. :)

> This guy's grandfather is a ham who was around when building your own

> equipment was a lot like signing at the end of a QSO -- it was  
 > something you just did without question. He says this whole mess  
 > reminds him of something that happened when the hobby was a little  
 > younger. Commercially-built gear was becoming available, and the  
 > homebrewers were having nothing short of a cow over it. Not build  
 > your own gear? Unthinkable. The homebrewers blew their corks and  
 > gave the people who bought manufactured radios the same cold shoulder  
 > our no-coders are getting from some with higher-class licenses. He  
 > seems to think it will blow over much like what happened with the  
 > equipment wars and so many that followed.

And I think he makes a good point. It's just that there are some things  
 about amateur radio that are kind of frustrating. One of them is the  
 dumbing down of the theory tests. Lets face it, 2m is pretty much trash  
 in alot of areas right now and 70cm isn't far behind. I'm actually  
 considering sending back my VE credentials after the things I've seen at  
 test sessions, not to mention the attitude of the W5YI VEC that if you  
 don't have solid copy on your morse code tests, you don't pass. Nice of  
 them isn't it? I think I'll send Freddie boy my tag with a nice  
 nastygram attached. Stupid jerk.

> I hope he's right... My news feed would be a helluva lot cheaper  
 > without the quarterly code/no-code debates. :-)

It's like the Energizer Bunny.. it just keeps going, and going. I too  
 was once caught up in the fervor. Now I'm just getting a good laugh out  
 of it. And thankfully, my newsfeeds don't cost me anything.

73,  
 Tony

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    -----(oo) Cow humor. Sort of like the Far Side.
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   ||-----|| (And people thought my last .sig was long, ha!)
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